**Irregularities in voters' lists**

†2235. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether news report regarding Bangladeshis registering as voters under Hindu names published in the media has come to the notice of Government;

(b) if so, whether certain foreign nationals had applied to become voters in the country and have been caught;

(c) if so, the number of such cases which have come to the light so far; and

(d) whether local electoral offices have been cautioned against it and if so, the details of the guidelines issued in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (d) The requisite information from Election Commission of India is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Pending cases in Guwahati High Court**

2236. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of suits remaining pending for more than three years in the Guwahati High Court, State-wise;

(b) the reasons of pendency; and

(c) whether Government is planning to establish separate High Courts in different States of North-Eastern Region (NER) particularly in Tripura in consideration of remoteness of the State and it having the second highest in population in the region?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) In pursuance of a decision of the Government to set-up separate High Courts for the States of North-Eastern Region, the matter of setting –up of a High Court for Tripura is under active consideration with regard to the readiness of the building and related infrastructural facilities provided by the State Government at Agartala.

**Pending cases in Maharashtra High Court**

2237. SHRI Y.P. TRIVEDI:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pending cases in Maharashtra High Court till date;

(b) the number out of them which are (i) over 15 years old; (ii) less than 15 years but more than 10 years old (iii) less than 10 years but more than 5 years old and (iv) the date since when the oldest case is pending; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to expedite disposal of the pending cases, for more than ten years?

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